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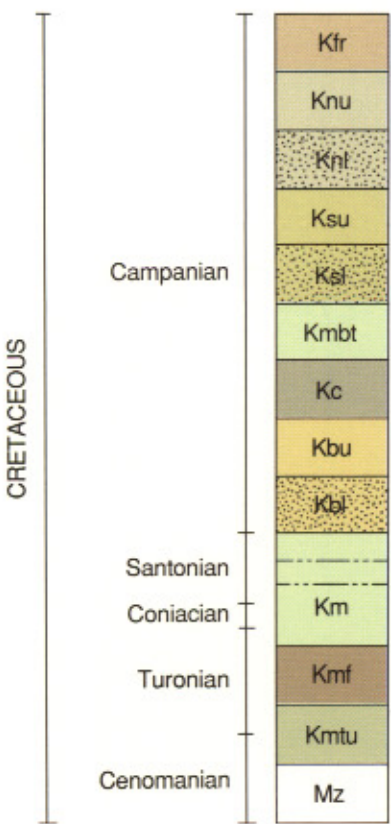
ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

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CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

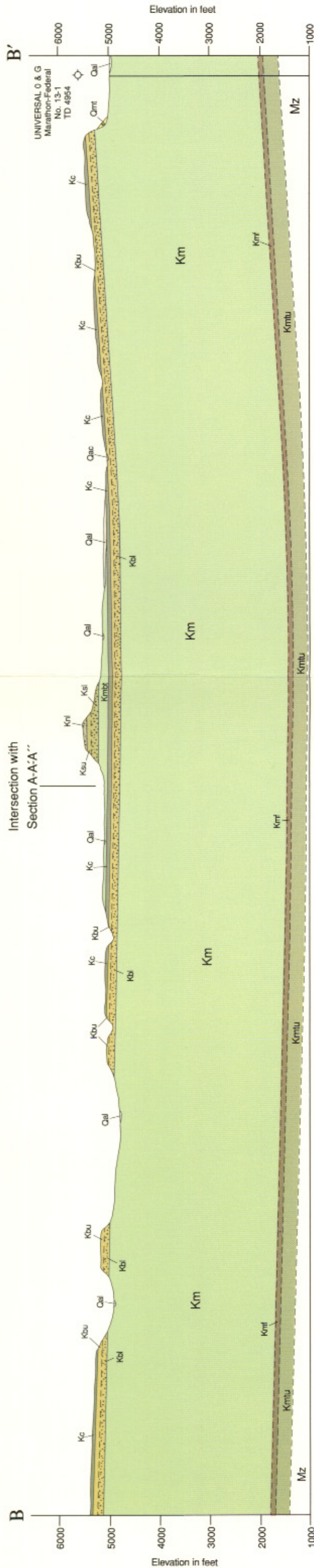
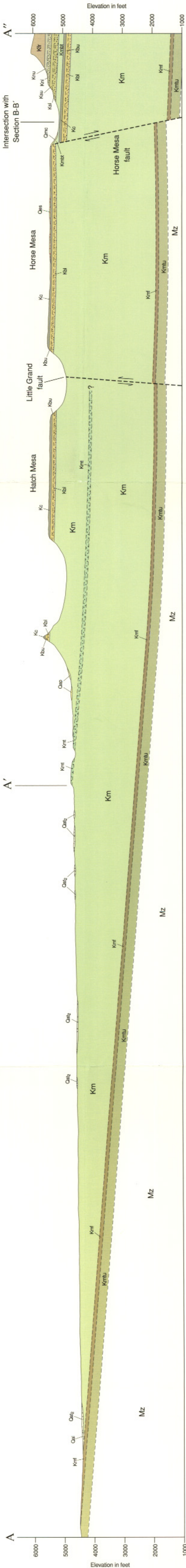


DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Qal** Alluvium deposits - *Unconsolidated, round to angular, poorly to moderately sorted, very fine-grained sand- to boulder-sized particles; in intermittent stream deposits up to 12 feet (4 m) thick in canyons and washes.*
- Qmc** Colluvium deposits - *Unconsolidated, subangular to angular, poorly sorted rock debris on slopes and canyon walls; forms vegetated, partially stabilized slopes; up to 4 feet (1.2 m) thick in many places.*
- Qac** Mixed alluvium and colluvium deposits - *Poorly sorted deposits of mixed alluvium and colluvium up to 4 feet (1.2 m) thick in and along canyon stream beds.*
- Qes** Eolian deposits - *Unconsolidated, well-sorted, subrounded to rounded, very fine- to fine-grained sand transported and deposited by wind action; deposits are up to 3 feet (1 m) thick.*
- Qmt** Talus deposits - *Unconsolidated, angular, poorly sorted sandstone cobbles and boulders with minor amounts of finer sandstone and mudstone debris, deposited by mass movement (landslide) on slopes; deposits are up to 10 or more feet (3 m) thick.*
- Qms** Slump deposits - *Large blocks of consolidated bedrock which have separated from a cliff-face and moved in a mass downslope; up to 75 feet (23 m) thick.*
- Qat** Younger terrace deposits - *Locally derived, poorly sorted, consolidated alluvial sand and gravel deposits up to 9 feet (2.7 m) thick; contains bivalve (notably *Exogyra*) fragments.*
- Qat** Older terrace deposits - *Poorly to well-sorted, subangular to rounded, exotic (quartzite, chert, limestone) gravel, with a minor amount of locally derived sandstone gravel; cemented in many places; up to 18 feet (5.5 m) thick in canyons, generally thinner in the Mancos lowlands; gradational with pediment gravel deposits.*
- Qap** Pediment-mantle deposits - *Thin veneer of unconsolidated, poorly sorted, sand- to boulder-sized sandstone debris up to 1 foot (0.3 m) thick on gently sloping surfaces bevelled across nonresistant bedrock (Mancos Shale); dissected by streams in many places; the pediments are adjacent to the base of slopes along the Book Cliffs; gradational with older terrace deposits.*
- Kfr** Farrer Formation - *Interbedded, pale- to dark-yellowish-orange, very light-gray, and moderate-reddish-brown lenticular sandstone and gray to pale-olive mudstone; approximately 460 feet (140 m) thick.*
- Knu** Upper member of the Neslen Formation - *Interbedded, slope-forming mudstone, carbonaceous shale, coal, and ledge-forming sandstone; many sandstone beds are lenticular; contains the Chesterfield coal zone and many minor carbonaceous shale and coal zones; the Thompson Canyon sandstone bed crops out at the base of the unit; approximately 75 feet (23 m) thick.*
- KnI** Lower member of the Neslen Formation - *Interbedded, slope-forming mudstone, carbonaceous shale, coal, and ledge-forming sandstone; contains the Palisade coal zone in the lower part; approximately 90 feet (27 m) thick.*
- Ksu** Upper member of the Sego Sandstone - *Slope-forming, interbedded, yellowish-brown, silty mudstone and sandstone. The basal part is a coarsening-upward sequence similar to those in the lower member of the Sego Sandstone, but lacking a middle cliff-forming sandstone; the upper part is a fining-upward sequence; approximately 70 feet (21 m) thick.*
- Ksl** Lower member of the Sego Sandstone - *Interbedded, gray to yellowish-brown, silty mudstone, yellowish-brown to very light-gray sandstone, and reddish-brown bivalve coquinas; generally cliff-forming, the unit forms ledgy slopes in many places, and contains three coarsening-upward sequences, each consisting of a basal transition zone, middle sandstone zone, and upper bioturbated sandstone or bivalve coquina; approximately 155 feet (47 m) thick.*
- Kmbt** Buck Tongue of the Mancos Shale - *Medium- to dark-gray, bentonitic, gypsiferous mudstone. Slope-forming in many places, the unit forms "badlands" topography where not overlain by sandstone; approximately 140 feet (43 m) thick.*
- Kc** Castlegate Sandstone - *Sandstone with minor mudstone; yellowish-orange sandstone in lower part, upper sandstone is light gray; prominent cliff-forming unit; approximately 75 feet (23 m) thick.*
- Kbu** Upper member of the Blackhawk Formation - *Slope-forming interval of interbedded yellowish-orange sandstone, grayish-brown to grayish-black mudstone, carbonaceous mudstone, and minor coal; approximately 70 feet (21 m) thick.*
- Kbl** Lower member of the Blackhawk Formation - *Cliff-forming interval of pale- to dark-yellowish-orange sandstone interbedded with gray mudstone in the lower part; massive sandstone in the upper part; uppermost part of the massive sandstone is light gray; approximately 105 feet (32 m) thick.*
- Km** Mancos Shale (main body) - *Medium- to dark-gray, slope-forming, gypsiferous, bentonitic mudstone; interbedded pale-yellowish-orange sandstone in upper part; forms sparsely vegetated "badlands" topography; approximately 3,345 feet (1,120 m) thick.*
- Kmt** Turbidite sandstone in the Mancos Shale - *Locally prominent, cuesta-forming lens of interbedded grayish-orange sandstone and gray mudstone; massive, parallel-laminated, and climbing-ripple internal bedding forms are prominent in the sandstones; approximately 30 feet (9 m) thick.*
- Kmo** Oolitic ironstone in the Mancos Shale - *Dark-reddish-brown, calcareous, well-sorted, medium sand-size oolitic ironstone, overlain by thin olive-gray to dark-yellowish-orange silty mudstone; caps isolated knobs of Mancos Shale near the middle of the quadrangle; approximately 5 feet (1.5 m) thick.*
- Kmf** Ferron Sandstone Member of the Mancos Shale - *Cuesta-forming, interbedded, dark-yellowish-orange, platy sandstone and gray mudstone; occurs in the lower part of the Mancos Shale; approximately 55 feet (17 m) thick.*
- Kmtu** Tununk Member of the Mancos Shale - *Medium- to dark-gray, slope-forming, gypsiferous, bentonitic mudstone; forms sparsely vegetated "badlands" topography; the upper 200+ feet (60+ m) is exposed in the quadrangle.*
- Mz** Subsurface strata - *Strata shown in cross-sections but not exposed in the quadrangle; includes the basal part (up to 100 feet [30 m]) of the Mancos Shale, the Dakota Sandstone, and the upper part of the Morrison Formation in many places.*

LITHOLOGIC COLUMN

FORMATION	SYMBOL	THICKNESS feet (meters)	LITHOLOGY
unconsolidated deposits	Q		
Farrer Formation	Kfr	463 (141)	
Neslen Formation	upper member Knu	76 (23)	
	lower member KnI	89 (27)	
Sego Sandstone	upper member Ksu	70 (21)	
	lower member Ksl	155 (47)	
Mancos Shale	Buck Tongue Kmbt	142 (43)	
Castlegate Sandstone	Kc	76 (23)	
Blackhawk Formation	upper member Kbu	71 (22)	
	lower member Kbl	105 (32)	
Mancos Shale	turbidite Kmt	50 (15)	
	oolitic ironstone Kmo	6 (2)	
	main body Km	3345 (1020)	
	Ferron Sandstone Member Kmf	55 (17)	
	Tununk Member Kmtu	200+ (60+)	



MAP SYMBOLS

- CONTACT - Dashed where approximate.
- NORMAL FAULT - Dashed where inferred; dotted where covered; bar and ball on downthrown side; queried where uncertain.
- SYNCLINE AXIS - Dashed where location inferred.
- STRUCTURAL CONTOUR - Contour interval 250 feet; dashed where location inferred; drawn on base of Dakota Sandstone; datum is mean sea level. Contours not shown on northern part due to complex structure and sparse data. Modified from Williams (1964).
- APPROXIMATE TRACE OF Kmt OUTCROP
- STRIKE AND DIP OF BEDDING - Inclined.
- GRAVEL PIT
- OIL WELL
- DRY HOLE